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1. DIPLOMATIC CORPS WAS CONVENED AT MFA AT 1600 JAN 3. A MILITARY BRIEFING WAS GIVEN COVERING THE MILITARY SITUATION AT THE TIME OF THE CEASEFIRE ON JANUARY 28, 1973; THH MOST SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS BY THE COMMUNISTS SINCE THAT TIME; AND THE CURRENT OFFENSIVE WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PHUOC LONG PROVINCE WHERE ALL DISTRICT TOWNS HAVE FALLEN AND PROVINCE CAPITAL IS UNDER SIEGE. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER NGO KHAC TINH THEN READ GVN DECLARATION SET FORTH BELOW. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT THIS DECLARATION TO ADDITIONAL POSTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ON THE LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE BY NORTH VIET-NAM FORCES AGAINST THE PROVINCE OF PHUOC-LONG. SAIGON, 3 JANUARY 1975.

3. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET-NAM WAS SIGNED IN PARIS ON 27 JANUARY 1973, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ADMINISTRATION --AND ITS SOUTHERN ARM, THE SELF-STYLED 'PRG OF SVN'--HAS STUBBORNLY CARRIED ON ITS POLICY OF MILITARY AGRESSION WITH THE AIM OF FORCIBLY CONQUERING THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, IN OPEN DISREGARD OF THE AGREEMENT AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ADMINISTRATION HAS INTRODUCED INTO SOUTH VIET-NAM OVER HALF A MILLION MEN AND A VAST AMOUNT OF WEAPONS, INCLUDING HEAVY ARTILLERY AND MODERN ANTIAIRCRAFT WEAPONS, IT HAS EXPANDED OR CREATED FIFTEEN MILITARY AIRFIELDS, AND COMPLETED A NETWORK OF STRATEGIC HIGHWAYS ALONG THE BORDER OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA; IT HAS PROGRESSIVELY STEPPED UP ITS MILITARY ATTACKS AGAINST THE OUTPOSTS, BASES, DISTRICT TOWNS WHICH HAVE BEEN CLEARLY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM
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BEFORE THE PARIS AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED.

4. THE COMMUNIST SIDE ALSO HAS SYSTEMATICALLY SABOTAGED ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH VIET-NAM, BY REFUSING TO DISCUSS SERIOUSLY THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE OF GENERAL ELECTIONS, AS STIPULATED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND TO RESUME THE TALKS BOTH A LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD AND AT TAN SON NHAT (SAIGON).

5. ON 8 OCTOBER 1974, THE COMMUNIST SIDE MADE A NEW STEP IN ITS DELIVERATE POLICY OF IGNORING THE PARIS AGREEMENT WHEN IT OPENLY DECLARED THAT IT WOULD RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CONDITION THAT THE LEGAL AND POPULARLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IS OVERTHROWN AND REPLACED BY A REGIME TO THE LIKING OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE. SUCH A STATEMENT AMOUNTS TO AN OPEN DECLARATION OF WAR, IN DEFIANCE OF THE MOST LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS TOWARD PEACE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

6. THIS IS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE STATEMENTS BY NORTH VIETNAMESE LEADERS AT THE 4TH SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 4TH LEGISLATURE (FEBRUARY 4-9, 1974). NORTH VIET-NAM PRESIDENT TON DUC THANG URGED THE PEOPLE IN THE NORTH TO ENGAGE WITH EMULATION ON PRODUCTIVE LABOUR SO AS TO PROVIDE FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE AGGRESSION BRAZENLY LABELLED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS AS 'THE SOUTHERN COMPATRIOTS REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE'. LE THANH NGHI, VICE-PREMIER, ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT IN 1974 AND 1975. THE NORTH'S TASK IS CONSOLIDATING NATIONAL DEFENSE AND MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO FULFILL ITS DUTY TO THE SOUTH. TRUONG CHINH, CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW FRONTLINE AND A NEW IMPETUS. AT THE 3RD NORTH VIETNAM TRADE UNION CONGRESS AT HANOI ON 11 FEBRUARY 1974, LE DUAN, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS' (COMMUNIST PARTY, REPEATED THE ABOVE APPEALS AND CONFIRMED THAT THE NORTH WOULD STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC AND DEFENSE POTENTIALS TO FORM A SOLID REAR FOR THE AGGRESSION IN THE SOUTH. THEN, THE 5TH CONFERENCE OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH VIET-NAM FATHERLAND FRONT IN ITS SESSION OF 11 APRIL 1974 ENCOURAGED THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS TOWARD THE LAO AND CAMBODIAN REVOLUTIONS, IN PARALLEL TO THE MOBILIZATION OF VARIOUS STRATA OF PEOPLE IN THE NORTH TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE AGGRESSION IN THE SOUTH.

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7. AND ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE NORTH VIET-NAM ARMED FORCES, GENERAL SON HAO, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION, MADE AN APPEAL TO THE NORTH VIET-NAM ARMED FORCES TO CARRY OUT THE REVOLUTIONARY AIM OF THE PARTY WHICH IS TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY.

8. IN EXECUTION OF THESE WARLIKE, MURDEROUS DIRECTIVES, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES HAVE BEEN INCREASING THEIR LAND AND POPULATION GRABBING ATTACKS AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. WITH THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS, THEY HAVE ILLEGALLY SEIZED TEN (10) DISTRICT TOWNS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM CAUSING INDESCRIBABLE SUFFERINGS TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AND SWELLING THE RANKS OF REFUGEES BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS.

9. AT THE TIME WHEN THIS DECLARATION IS BEING ISSUED, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES, COMPOSED OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY SEVENTH DIVISION IN FULL STRENGTH AND SUPPORTED BY TANK UNITS, SAPPERS, ETC., HAVE OCCUPIED THE DISTRICT TOWNS OF THE PROVINCE PHUOC LONG, AND AT PRESENT THE PROVINCIAL CITY ITSELF IS UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE AND INDISCRIMINATE COMMUNIST SHELLINGS, WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR THE LIFE OF ABOUT 26,000 CIVILIANS TRAPPED IN THE CITY AND COMPOSED OF A GREAT NUMBER OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND MANY SEVERELY WOUNDED.

10. THIS LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE DIRECTED AGAINST A PROVINCIAL CITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, AND THE ILLEGAL CAPTURE OF MORE THAN 42,000 INHABITANTS, WITH THE PURPOSE TO GRAB MORE LAND AND POPULATION FOR THE GHOST GOVERNMENT OF THE 'NLF' IS MANIFESTLY A CYNICAL VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, AND REVEALS THE DETERMINATION OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO LAUNCH A TOTAL WAR AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

11. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM DENOUNCES TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION THE SHAMELESS ARMED ATTACK AGAINST THE PROVINCE OF PHUOC LONG BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES. IT EMPHATICALLY DENOUNCES THE WAR OF AGGRESSION WHICH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES BRAZENLY TO WAGE AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. IT EARNESTLY APPEALS TO ALL PEACE-LOVING UNCLASSIFIED

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PEOPLES THE WORLD OVER TO CONDEMN THE USE OF FORCE WHICH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ADMINISTRATION IS RESORTING TO AS A NATIONAL POLICY TO ATTEMPT TO SUBJUGATE THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. IT PROTESTS IN THE MOST ENERGETIC TERMS AGAINST THE BARBARIC ATROCITIES WHICH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES HAVE COMMITTED AGAINST THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND WHICH CONSTITUTE A GRAVE PROVOCATION TO THE HUMAN CONSCIENCE AND AND OPEN CHALLENGE TO ALL PEOPLE WHICH UPHOLD JUSTICE.

12. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IS RESOLUTELY DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973, IT HAS TO REITERATE THE FACT THAT IN THE FACE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMED AGGRESSION IT HAS TO RESERVE ITS RIGHT TO TAKE ALL MEASURES TO DEFEND ITS TERRITORY AND ITS PEOPLE.

13. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT IF THE PREVAILING SITUATION IN VIET-NAM IS ALLOWED TO PROLONG, PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE WHOLE AREA OF SOUTHEAST ASIA COULD BE PROGRESSIVELY JEOPARDIZED. THUS, IT EMPHATICALLY DEMANDS THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO CEASE ALL ACTS OF WAR AND RESPOND DILIGENTLY TO THE PROPOSALD PUT FORWARD BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IN ITS 7 NOVEMBER 1974 DECLARATION,
TO THE EFFECT THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RESUMED,
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